

### REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this case. Claims 1-14 have been objected to and have been indicated as allowable. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to comply with the Examiner's suggestions and as approved in phone calls to the Examiner on November 30, 2004 and December 30, 2004. No new matter has been added.

While the Examiner did not address claim 14 in the Office Action, it is believed that this claim is also in condition for allowance as it depends from claim 8 which has been amended and was indicated as being allowable.

All claims now in the application are deemed patentably distinguishable over the art applied and noted, but not relied upon. Accordingly, allowance of the application is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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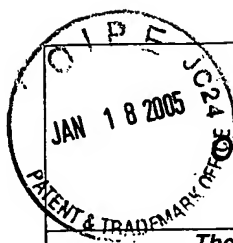
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## Office Action Summary

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PERKINS, DANIEL M.

Examiner

Gary F Paumen

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### Period for Reply

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### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
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Claims 1-13 are objected to because of the following informalities: in the last paragraph of claims 1 and 8 the cutting leg should be recited as severing the wire to an appropriate length, to better clarify the fact that the cutting leg does not merely partially pierce the wire. Appropriate correction is required.

Claims 1-13 contain subject matter which defines over the art of record.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: none of the prior art of record discloses or teaches an RJ-type connector having a conductive attachment element with a cutting leg that severs the wire to an appropriate length and creates an electrical connection between the wire and the conductive attachment element.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary F Paumen whose telephone number is 571-272-2013. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula Bradley can be reached on 571-272-2800, ext. 33. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

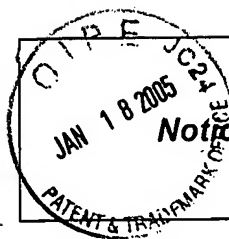
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Primary Examiner



# **Notice of References Cited**

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